

Andrew Jackson to Charles Jones Love, December 17, 1829, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO COLONEL CHARLES J. LOVE.

Washington, December 17, 1829.

My D'r Sir, I have recd. your letter Postmarked 3rd instant, but dated thro mistake the 15th. I regret to learn that Moses is dangerously ill, but never will charge you or Doctor Hogg with neglect, I feel under too many obligations to you for your kind attention to my business, and interest, and assure you, it will be long and gratefully remembered by me. I am truly astonished at Mr Steels neglect of my negroes when taken sick and shall write to him on this subject for the last time. Should I be left without an overseer I will turn him away unless he pays more attention to their health, by sending for Doctor Hogg in due time after they are taken sick, and my Dr Sir I authorise you to assure him of this fact.

I rejoice to hear that little Joe is still living but am fearful that he is too much trouble to Mrs. Love and you, he may with care out grow the complaint, be this as it may when I know he has been carefully attended to, and has not suffer in his sickness, then I will be satisfied with whatever result providence may will.

I wrote you some days ago, on the subject of a sale proposed by Capt Peter Mosely to me of one hundred and fifty acres of land adjoining my Winston tract on the north. from the letter I wrote Capt Mosely and enclosed for your inspection, you will find that he has computed my crop of cotton this year at 160,000 in the seed. I am fearful his calculation is too large; and my crop may not meet my [acc] ount with Mr Josiah Nichol. on the 27th of Novbr. 1829 as pr account rendered [it] is 1995 72½, add to this five hundred dollars

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my part of Steels wages as overseer for Major A. J. Donelsons farm and my farm, one hundred dollars to be paid out of A. J. Donelsons, will make two thousand four hundred and ninety five dollars and seventy two and a half cents. I am thus particular, as I want this account of Mr Nichols closed and receipt taken that I may be able here after to look at the account of the overseer alone, and be more able to judge of his economy. therefore I have concluded that it will be best to let Messrs. Hill and Nichol have my whole crop at nine cents. close this account with Mr Nichol including five hundred to Steel for this years wages, let them pay to Mosely the amount of the ballance of the cotton and then if it does not amount to the price of the land, to draw upon me for the ballance if not over five hundred dollars. But if my crop should fall still short of meeting the purchase of the land and the payment of this account more than \$500 then I cannot buy the land. You will see from all this that I am determined not to go in debt for land or any thing else to encumber myself, and the account with Mr Nichol *must be* closed with my crop. I have therefore wrote Mr Nichol that my cotton, with Mr Donelson will be sold to Nichol and Hill at 9 cents per lb. if they will take it at that, if not then twenty thousand will be sold to Capt Mosely, if he will take it at nine cents and the ballance sold in Nashville if it can, and if not be delivered to them to be shipped to Maunsel White Neworleans, to be sold and amount remitted to them. the ballance they will draw on me for.

With my kind salutations to Mrs Love and all your family I am

sincerely yr friend.